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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUWAIT 2257

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OTRA, MILI  
SUBJECT: VISIT TO KUWAIT BY NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE GROUP

1. STUDENT-FACULTY GROUP FROM NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE (NWC) SPENT HALF DAY IN KUWAIT APRIL 13, CONFERRED WITH AMBASSADOR AND EMBOFFS, AND SPENT IMPROMPTU BUT PROFITABLE HOUR OF GIVE AND TAKE WITH KUWAITI MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) OFFICIALS. OWING TO AIRCRAFT DELAYED ARRIVAL, THE NWC GROUP MISSED A SCHEDULED CALL ON MFA UNDER SEC RASHID AL-RASHID BEFORE THE GOK CLOSED FOR THE THURSDAY-FRIDAY WEEKEND. HOWEVER, RASHID DIRECTED THREE MEMBERS OF HIS POLITICAL DEPARTMENT AND THE CHIEF OF THE MFA LEGAL DEPARTMENT TO MEET THE VISITORS INFORMALLY AT THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE LATER IN THE DAY.

2. DURING THIS MEETING, THE MFA OFFICIALS RESPONDED TO QUESTIONS ON A WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS, WITH MOST TIME BEING SPENT ON PROSPECTS FOR MIDDLE EAST PEACE, ABOUT WHICH THEY WERE PESSIMISTIC. THEY REPEATEDLY EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE US MUST "PRESSURE" ISRAEL IF THERE IS TO BE A SETTLEMENT. THEY HAD RELATIVELY MELLOW WORDS FOR SADAT AND THE "FAILURE" OF HIS PEACE INITIATIVE, WHICH, IN ANY EVENT, HAD MADE A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TOWARD EDUCATING THE AMERICAN PUBLIC ABOUT ARAB DESIRES AND MIDDLE EAST  
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REALITIES.

3. REGARDING GULF SECURITY, THEY REPEATED THE LINE WHICH WE HAVE HEARD BEFORE, TO THE EFFECT THAT KUWAIT DID NOT FAVOR "PACTS," SINCE A PACT WITHOUT UNDERLYING REGIONAL POLITICAL WILL IS WORTHLESS AND, CONTRARIWISE, IF THERE IS THE WILL THEN NO PACT IS NECESSARY. KUWAITI STRATEGY WAS

POINTED TOWARD BUILDING AN INTRA-GULF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL  
RELATIONSHIP AS THE BASIS FOR A SENSE OF MUTUAL INTER-  
DEPENDENCE AND SECURITY. GULF SECURITY RELATIONSHIPS WOULD  
"EVOLVE" NATURALLY GIVEN TIME.  
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